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An ACT to prevent DESERTION.

WHEREAS several soldiers and mariners duly enlisted in the service of this state, or the United States, or some of them, do afterwards desert, and illegally absent themselves from the service;

It is enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall be lawful to and for any constable, keeper of any public inn, inn-keeper, or any other person within this state, to apprehend, or cause to be apprehended, any person suspected of being a deserter, and to cause such person to be brought before any justice of the peace, living in or near the place where such person shall be taken, who shall examine such suspected person; and by his confession, or the testimony of one or more credible witnesses, upon oath or affirmation, or by the knowledge of such justice, it shall appear that such suspected person is enlisted soldier or mariner, in the service of the United States, any of them, and ought to be with the company, troop, crew, vessel, to which he belongs, such justice shall forthwith cause to be conveyed to the nearest commissioned officer of the land or sea service, as the case may be, or to the public gaol of county or place where such deserter shall be apprehended; such justice shall transmit an account thereof to the secretary of the United States for the time being, and to the commanding officer of such deserter.

And, the better to encourage the apprehending and securing of deserters,

It is enacted, That such justice shall give to the person who apprehend and bring such deserter a certificate, expressing the name of the deserter, company, troop, vessel or crew, to which he belongs, and the distance such deserter shall be brought, if such certificate shall be informed thereof, if not, then he shall give a certificate, expressing such of those circumstances as shall come to his knowledge, which certificate shall entitle the bearer to the reward of five dollars for the apprehending such deserter, and one ninth part of a dollar for every mile therein expressed; any person, who shall convey and deliver such deserter to the land or gaol as aforesaid, shall receive the same mileage; and said reward and mileage shall be paid by the officer, sheriff or other, to whom such deserter shall be delivered, and the sheriff or other shall be reimbursed the money by him paid, by the owner of his horse, together with the expence of advertising such deserter, and one fifth of a dollar per day for his maintenance (to be charged to the continent or state from whose service such person shall have deserted) and the sheriff or gaoler shall immediately publish the name of the deserter, and the company, troop, regiment, vessel or crew, to which he belongs, or of those circumstances as shall be mentioned in the certificate with such deserter, in some one of the news papers of the Pennsylvania state, for four successive weeks.

To abolish the pernicious practice of harbouring deserters, and chasing from them,

It is enacted, That if any person shall harbour, conceal, entertain, or assist, any deserter from the land or sea service of the United States, or any of them, knowing him to be such, the person offending shall forfeit, for every such offence, twenty dollars; or if any person shall buy or exchange, or receive by way of pledge, any arms, horse, cloaths, or other furniture, belonging to this state, or the United States, or any of them, knowing him to be such, from any soldier, mariner, deserter, or any other person, under any pretence, or shall cause the colour of his cloaths to be changed, or the mark or brand of such horse to be altered, the person so offending shall forfeit, for every such offence, twenty dollars, upon conviction by the oath of one or more credible witnesses or witnesses before any one justice of the peace of the county or city where the offence shall be committed; the said respective penalties to be levied by warrant from justice to any constable, by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the offender, the said constable giving eight days notice of the sale of such goods and chattels, by public advertisement; the whole of the said penalties to the informer, and where informer, the whole thereof to the use of the county or city where such offender resides; and if any such offender, convicted as aforesaid, shall not have sufficient goods and chattels, whereon distress may be made for the penalty, or shall not pay the same within five days after such conviction, such justice may and shall, by warrant, commit such offender to the common gaol, there to remain, without bail, not exceeding three months. And if any offender shall be a second time guilty of the like offence, he shall be convicted thereof as aforesaid, and shall not pay the penalty aforesaid, or have goods and chattels on which the said pe-

nalty may be levied by distress as aforesaid; such offender may be adjudged by the said justice, before whom he shall be convicted, to receive a number of lashes, not exceeding thirty-nine.

And be it enacted, That upon information on oath or affirmation, before a justice of peace, by any person entitled to take such oath or affirmation, that such person has good cause to suspect that a deserter is harboured or concealed in any dwelling-house, or other house, it shall be lawful for such justice to issue his warrant to have such house searched, and for that purpose to break open such house, on neglect or refusal to open the door or doors thereof, when demanded; and if any person shall presume to break open any house, on pretence of searching for deserters, without such warrant obtained as aforesaid, such offender shall forfeit twenty dollars to the party grieved, to be awarded by any justice, and levied on the offender's person, goods or chattels, or be subject to an action of trespass, at the election of the party who shall be so injured and grieved.

And be it enacted, That every constable shall repair, as often as the case may require, to any place within his hundred, in which he shall be informed, or may suspect a deserter or deserters may be harboured, or concealed, or dwelling, and shall apprehend all and every such suspected person or persons, and carry him or them before a justice of the peace, under the penalty of twenty shillings, current money, who shall examine and proceed with such person or persons as above is directed; and if any person summoned by any constable to assist, shall neglect or refuse to give his assistance, such person shall forfeit twenty shillings, current money: the said two last mentioned fines to be recovered in manner and form aforesaid, one moiety of each of the said two last mentioned fines to the use of the county or city where such offender shall reside, the other half to the informer, and if no informer, the whole to the county or city.

This act to continue and be in force for and during the present war with Great-Britain.

An ACT to promote the RECRUITING SERVICE.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That no inhabitant of this state, who shall enlist in any of the battalions raised by this state, or in any of the artillery companies, for the defence thereof, shall be arrested and by civil process taken from the service, unless he shall be indebted to the plaintiff in the sum of twelve pounds sterling, twenty pounds common money, or two thousand pounds of tobacco, verified by affidavit indorsed on the writ; and the estate of no person enlisted, as aforesaid, shall be liable to attachment or execution for debt, or distress for rent, unless the debt or the rent due amount to more than twelve pounds sterling, twenty pounds common money, or two thousand pounds of tobacco; and if any soldier shall be arrested, or any attachment or execution shall issue, or distress be made, contrary to the intent of this act, it shall be lawful for any justice of the peace of the county where the same shall happen (upon complaint by the party or the officer enlisting such person, or by any of his superior officers) to examine into the same by oath, and if such soldier shall be arrested, or attachment or execution shall issue, or distress be made, contrary to this act, such justice shall forthwith discharge such soldier; and, unless it shall appear to him that any fraud, by sale, gift, or waste, hath been committed by such soldier, or the wife or person in whose possession or care the estate of such soldier may be, shall declare such attachment, execution or distress void, and order the plaintiff, or the person making such distress, to pay the costs thereof; provided nothing herein contained shall prohibit the collection of any public county, or parish tax, due from any soldier.

And be it enacted, That the creditors aforesaid shall not be affected by the act of limitations, from and during the time they shall be precluded as aforesaid, from prosecuting their claim, nor shall the delay of suing out execution, during such time, operate so as to prevent the suing out the same, after the discharge of such debtors from the service; and if the act of limitations be pleaded, this act, and the special matter, may be given in evidence on the general replication.

And be it enacted, That any recruiting officer may enlist in any of the battalions raised by this state, or in any of the artillery companies, for the immediate defence thereof, and retain in such service, any apprentice or servant, whose time of servitude shall not exceed eighteen months, and shall not be valued, by some justice of the peace, at more than sixteen pounds, common money; and in every such case the magistrate shall deduct from the value of the said servant or apprentice, the sum of six pounds, common money, for freedom dues, if such servant or apprentice should be intitled to any freedom dues at the expiration of his

measure of paying them
umber of flat-bottomed
preferred, so that the
sly.

I A, April 8.

man of this city, now in
dated 13th March last.

as made American pro-
bond. Another act has
all Americans taken after
immediately to London,
reported to the East-Indies
on the late success of the
n daily expectation of a
vitable."

15th Burg, dated March 24.

matters have a very gloomy
n has returned from the In-
counts of Indians being af-
the Kittanning and this post,
too tedious to mention. A
lled one Andrew Simpson,
of capt. Moorhead's, near
Simpson, and left a tom-
and a piece of writing in
agars, 8th February, 1777,
chiefs of the Mohawks, O-
ecas, Tuscaroras, Missara-
le Virginians and Pennsylvania-
purport of which is, that
on their lands on the Ohio
bring us to quit them imme-
sequences--that we have no
(as they call it) of col. But-
we know he has no army
ink that our design is against
they insist on our quitting
did not make any excuse, by
Congress, &c. of their be-

orementioned intelligence
of war was held at this
as determined that it would
swford's battalion, and two
battalion, at Fort Pitt and
ll further orders, and that
ely sent to the Kittanning,
following places--Logg's
d Cox's."

hath conferred the dignity
in, on Robert Eden, Esq;

S S, January 14.

mental money ought to be
expressed in the respective
these states for whose benefit
stand bound to redeem the
value; and the pernicious
American liberty to impair
by raising the nominal value
their species of money what-
against and prevented:
of credit, emitted by autho-
rity current in all payments,
states, and be deemed in-
linal sum in Spanish milled
er shall offer, ask, or receive
by gold or silver coins, bul-
of money whatsoever, than
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bills for any lands, goods,
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person or persons in gold or
of money whatsoever; or
or commodities for gold or
species of money whatsoever,
or the said continental bills,
be deemed an enemy to the
res, and to forfeit the value
or house, land, or commo-
And it is recommended
positive states to enact laws
other penalties, on offen-
rent such pernicious prac-

to the legislatures of the
make the bills of credit
ful tender, in payment of
a refusal thereof an ex-
hat debts payable in Amer-
th continental dollars at
sixpence sterling per dol-
all other debts and con-
at the rate fixed by the
of Spanish milled dollars,
ommended to the legislatures
ates, to pass resolutions that
for drawing in and sinking
mitted by congress, at the le-
veral periods fixed, or that shall be fixed by congress.

That it be recommended to the legislatures of the
several states, to raise by taxation, in the course of
the current year, and remit to the treasury, such sums
of money as they shall think will be most proper in the
present situation of the inhabitants; which sums shall
be carried to their credit, and accounted for in the
settlement of their proportion of the public expences
and debts, for which the United States are jointly
bound.

Extract of a letter from Providence, March 21.

"The continental army in this state fills fast. A de-
serter came off from Newport this week; he proves to
be a Hessian sergeant, and says that all their men would
desert if they could get away. He says, all the ladies of
pleasure at Newport are taken up and confined in the
common gaol, the officers, both Hessian and British,
frequently meeting at the houses of those ladies, quarrel-
ling about the beauty of their doxies; which coming to
gen. Prescott's ears, he ordered them all into gaol. Count
Kaupfatch, a Hessian major, and a Hessian captain, late-

The next morning we took possession of the town, and
the following the ships fell down below Croton
river. These marauders (according to their usual prac-
tice) plundered and abused some houses, and burnt se-
veral others; carried off a few cattle and sheep, and some
light articles from the public stores. Our principal
loss is in rum, molasses and flour, which we destroyed,
and a quantity of sugar burnt by the enemy; in the
commissary's store. The militia, on the first alarm,
turned out with the greatest alacrity, and marched to
our assistance, and if these British heroes had had a day

out all their troops from Amboy, &c. supposed to be
on 3000, and posted themselves on Punk-hill: They
brought artillery and a number of waggons, as if to
forage, though there was none left in that neighbour-
hood worth notice. General Maxwell, with the troops
under his command, was on a rising ground to the
northward, in plain view, though at a good distance.
The enemy were too well situated to be attacked: He
sent a party to the left to amuse them
sign was to the right, on the
town: He sent a strong party
lines, if they had any, and
of them, that he might fall
performed by part of col. Pot-
vania militia, and part of col.
Col. Cook, of the Pennsylvania
from Matuching to come down
keep along the heights till he
half a mile lower down, be-
Woodbridge, the two parties
advanced party of the enemy.
Martin and lieutenant-col. Lind-
then; they all behaved well,
they were supported from the
diately marched that way. T
reinforcement; but on anothe
sent on the left to cut them o
the party gave way in great co
their main body, and all went
pursued them, and took a
waggon close in their rear, a
plain ground. Bonamtown lay
and a plain open ground tow
far. They left four dead on
three prisoners. By the quant
in sleds and waggons, it is sup
killed and twice that number w
also mentions that, by a soldier
instant, he learns, that gen. Ho
during the engagement, till he
best of their way home, and then
for him to go. That the enemy
out that day was to secure the
Amboy, and that he is since gon
soldier further says, they talk no
ris-town. Gen. Maxwell adds,
from prisoners, deserters, and
wounded and missing of the ene
23d of February, was upwards of
By a gentleman from Bedford,
Blackburn had arrived there, who
party of Indians had attacked a
ans, at or near Kentucky, wher
engagement ensued, in which,
and 70 Virginians were left dead
The privateer brig General M
returning from a cruise, was un-
norance of the pilot, ran ashore
the vessel is lost, but the guns
seventeen of the crew perished
weather.

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On Friday last, between the
o'clock, "his excellency THE
Esq; governor of the state of M
at the stadthouse, in the presen
people, who expressed the hig
occasion.
The procession began at the
ceeded in the following order,
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The Hon. the Preside
Senator
GOVERNOR
Council
Serjeant at Arms w
The Hon. the Speaker of the
Delegate
Mayor of the city
Aldermen
Common C
Military O
Gentlemen
Citizen
Silence being commanded, t
claimed the governor.
On the signal from three
the soldiery, who were paradi
house, thirteen cannon were f
The procession then returne
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The Hon. the Preside
Senator
The Serjeant at Arms
The Hon. the Speaker of
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Gentlemen
Citizen
And repaired to the coffee
ment was provided, the field
strangers then in town being

- After dinner the following
1. Perpetual union and f
 2. The freedom and inde
 3. Prosperity to Marylan
 4. The Congress.
 5. General Washington
 6. The American navy.
 7. The arts and sciences
 8. Agriculture.
 9. Trade and navigation.
 10. The friends of liberty throughout the world.

The memory of the brave patriots who have
fallen in the cause of America.
12. General Lee and our other friends in captivity.
13. Wisdom and unanimity in the councils of Ame-
rica, and undaunted courage in her forces to execute
her measures.
The whole concluded with an elegant ball in the
evening.

service, and the appraisement or the balance, after such deduc-
tion, shall be immediately paid by the officer to the master or
owner of such apprentice or servant, and discounted out of the
bounty and wages of such recruit; but if the time of servitude of
such enlisted servant or apprentice should be valued at less than
his freedom dues, such justice may order the difference to be paid
by the master to such servant or apprentice, and on refusal may,
by warrant to any constable, levy the same on his person, goods
or chattels; and such recruiting officer, on application to him by
the owner or master of any apprentice or servant, shall immedi-
ately repair to the next justice of peace to ascertain and value the
time of servitude of such servant or apprentice; and if such offi-
cer shall neglect or refuse to go before such justice, on such ap-
plication, he shall forfeit and pay to such owner or master ten
pounds, current money, to be recovered before any justice of the
peace, and to be levied on the offender's person, goods or chat-
tels, or such officer shall be subject to an action for damages, at
the election of the party grieved.

And be it enacted, That the governor, on the recommendation
of the general assembly, shall appoint a proper and discreet per-
son in every hundred of each county of this state, who shall re-
pair to, and require, every house-keeper within his hundred, ex-
cept tavern-keepers, to deliver in an account of all the blankets,
the property of the said house-keeper, over and above the num-
ber commonly used by the family in the winter season, and shall
deliver to the collector one half of the said overplus: And if the
said collectors shall suspect a concealment by any house-keeper,
then the said collector shall tender and administer to the said
house-keeper the following oath or affirmation, viz. "I, A. B.
do swear or affirm, that I will deliver in, to the best of my know-
ledge, a just and true account of the number of blankets belong-
ing to me, over and above the number commonly used by my
family in the winter season," and the said house-keeper shall de-
liver to the said collector one half of such overplus: And the
said collector shall deliver to every house-keeper, or his assigns,
a certificate of the number and value of the blankets, so as afore-
said received by him; which value shall be ascertained either by
agreement, or by the appraisement, on oath, of an indifferent
person, to be administered by the collector, and be paid by either
of the treasurers of this state, who shall transmit, with all con-
venient speed, to the governor and the council, fair and exact lists
of the number of blankets, and from and by whom collected;
and the collectors on the Eastern Shore shall, without loss of
time, convey to and deposit the blankets collected on that shore
in Chester-Town; and the collectors on the Western Shore shall,
without loss of time, convey to and deposit the blankets collected
on that shore in the city of Annapolis and Baltimore-Town; and
the governor and the council shall appoint proper persons to re-
ceive them, and may order the blankets to such other places and
under the care of such persons as they may think proper, to be
delivered out on the order of the governor and council: And if
any such house-keeper shall refuse to render such account of
blankets upon oath or affirmation, as aforesaid, or shall refuse to
deliver such proportion of the overplus, as aforesaid, such house-
keeper shall forfeit the sum of twenty pounds current money, to
be recovered in the county court of the county where such house-
keeper resides, for the use of the state, by indictment, or action
of debt; and the said collector, to whom such refusal shall be
made, is hereby required to give information of such refusal to
the grand jury of the succeeding county court.

And be it enacted, That the collectors shall receive five per
cent. on the value of the blankets by them respectively collected,
and shall be allowed their reasonable charges for conveying them
as aforesaid, to be paid by the treasurer of their respective shire.
And be it enacted, That every person appointed collector as
aforesaid shall, before he enters on the execution of his said of-
fice, take the following oath before some justice of the peace:
"I, A. B. do swear, that I will impartially, faithfully, and dili-
gently, discharge the several duties of collector, according to an
act, entitled, An Act to promote the recruiting service."
And be it enacted, That if any collector appointed for any
hundred shall die or refuse to act, the governor with the advice of
the council may appoint a collector for such hundred; and every
person appointed a collector, if he acts as such, shall, on oath or
affirmation, if required, and under the same penalty above im-
posed on an house-keeper, deliver to some collector in his county
one half of his overplus of blankets, over and beyond what are
commonly used by his family in the winter season; and the value
thereof shall be ascertained, certificates given, and the money
paid as before in this act is directed.

FISH-KILL, March 27.

Our post at Peck's Kill, since the removal of the militia of the
eastern states, has been, in a manner, in a defenceless situation,
there being only part of two regiments stationed there, under the
command of general M'Dougal, amounting to about 250 men.
The enemy, having received intelligence of this, formed an ex-
pedition thither, with a view to take or destroy the stores belong-
ing to the continent that were deposited there. Accordingly on
Sunday last they appeared, with a frigate, four transports, and
several other small vessels, in the bay, and landed about 1000
men, with several pieces of cannon. General M'Dougal, not
thinking it prudent to hazard a battle with such an unequal

may that may be more suitable to them, which
will be of infinite service at this time to their very
humble servant,
THOMAS NORMAN.

SIXTEEN DOLLARS REWARD.

Deserted from co. Thomas Price's regiment
of Maryland forces, MICHAEL KELLY, an
Irishman, about 25 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches
high, fair complexion, pitted with the small-pox, has
short black hair, and is a thick well set fellow. He
broke gaol at Alexandria, where he had been confined.

force, and not having seasonable advice of the enemy's
movement, was under the necessity of destroying the stores, to pre-
vent their falling into their hands, and retired about two miles
pasts in the highlands, carrying with him his baggage and
nary stores; his advanced guard being stationed at Cortlandt's
house in the valley. The enemy the same day took possession
of the village, and remained close in their quarters until the
day in the afternoon; when a party of them, consisting of
200 men, possessed themselves of a height a little south of
Cortlandt's. The general having received a reinforcement from
Gansevoort's regiment of about 80 men, under the command
of lieutenant colonel Willett, permitted them to attempt to
possess the enemy from that eminence. Col. Willett having
cordingly made the necessary disposition, advanced with his
party with the greatest firmness and resolution, and made the
attack. The enemy instantly fled with the greatest precipita-
tion, leaving three men dead on the field, and the whole body
struck, betook themselves to their shipping, embarking under
cover of the night; and by the last accounts they had sailed
the river. Before they embarked, they gave out that they
tended to stop at Tarry Town, in their way down, and at-
tempted to destroy our magazine of forage at Wright's Mills. Upon
evacuating the place, general M'Dougal took possession of his
mer quarters, and detached a party of men to watch the
movements. The enemy on this occasion have been exceedingly
appointed, as they have not been able to carry off any of
stores left behind by our men, and no other stock than a few
sheep, and 3 or 4 head of cattle, with which they were sup-
plied by our good friends the Tories. Never did troops exhibit
firmness and resolution than our little army did on this occa-
sion. Notwithstanding the disparity in numbers was great, and
measure absolutely necessary, it was with the utmost reli-
tance they retired to the pass. As usual, these heroes of Britain
burnt some houses, plundered the inhabitants of what they
could conveniently take with them, frightened the women and
children, and raised the spirits of their Tory brethren in the
quarter, but which, alas, as is always the case, when unatta-
cled, are now again proportionably deprefied.

PHILADELPHIA, April 1.

Extra of a letter from Quibble-Town, March 25.
"Yesterday a party of about sixty men from Hampton, and
major Ritney, of col. Stricker's battalion, fell in with a party
of the enemy near one of their out-posts, where a smart en-
gagement began. Major Ritney's party being much inferior to
the enemy (who were continually reinforced) he was obliged to re-
treat, which he did in such good order as not to lose a man
though the enemy were three times his number. He was re-
freshly reinforced by lieutenant col. Hollingsworth, with a de-
tachment from col. Rumsey's battalion of Maryland militia, and
Virginia volunteers, who, after a smart skirmish, caused the
enemy to give way, and drove them into their breast-works, leav-
ing behind them several hats, knapacks, blankets, and one black
handkerchief.

In this skirmish they must have lost some men, as they were
carrying them off in the time of action, which happened within
half a mile of their breast-works. We had two rifles broke, but
not a man hurt, in this skirmish, an evident proof that Providence
shields the just and brave, for we forced them from an advan-
geous wood, where they were posted behind trees, and our people
entirely exposed in an open field. The troops that were engaged
with ours were British, and not Hessians—Our whole party
did not exceed one hundred and thirty, and the enemy not less than
three hundred men."

Yesterday James Moleworth, a traitor and a spy, was exe-
cuted on the commons near this city. It appears by sundry evi-
dence and his own confession, that he had been sent from New
York to procure pilots for conducting the British fleet up the
river Delaware to this city. In a few days the public may ex-
pect more particulars on this subject.

Extra from a general order, issued March 27, 1777.
"The general, having directed that all surgeons, who be-
long to the superintendency of military hospitals, should send all fall-
ing whom they discharge, under the care of proper officers, to
their respective regiments, making report to the commanding
officer of each regiment of the number of men, so discharged, be-
longing to his corps; desires that the commanding officers, in the
department nearest any hospital from which they are to be dis-
missed, will, upon application of the surgeon thereof, furnish
officer, or officers, for the occasion, proportioned to the number
of men to be committed to his or their care."

It is desired that the above may be inserted in the different
papers on this continent.

April 3. By an express from the eastward we are informed
that a vessel is just arrived from France with 12,000 stand of arms,
besides a large quantity of powder and cloaths. The last accounts
from Paris by this vessel are in February. We are assured that
by this time France and Spain have each a fleet at sea of ships
of the line; that the peace of Europe was suspended on the
very web of a spider, which the most trifling incident must break
and the storm was gathering round the head of our enemy as
the most zealous friend of America could wish.

By the above vessel we learn further, that Arthur Lee, Esq.

N.B. Good grass for mares at 1/6 per week; the
money to be paid for the use of the horse at the
time of covering. No mares lost out of the pasture
will be accounted for.

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of London, who is appointed by the United States to act in concert with Dr. Franklin, was arrived at the court of France, where he with the doctor were received and treated with all the respect shown to European ambassadors, and that they have already negotiated a loan of 1,000,000 livres, for and on account of the United States.

We are also told, by the same conveyance, that an attempt was made to draft 4000 Hessians more for the king of Great-Britain; but that it had caused such a murmur in that principality, that the prince thought it best to be easy, and let George go without his drafts.

From New-Jersey we learn, that on or about the 20th ult. a young woman, passing an evacuated house in Woodbridge, saw through the window a drunken Hessian soldier, who had straggled from his party; there being no men within a mile of the town, she went home, dressed herself in man's apparel, and armed with a old firelock, returned to the house, entered it, and took the Hessian prisoner, whom she soon stripped of his arms, and was going off, when she fell in with the patrol guard of a New-Jersey regiment, stationed near Woodbridge, to whom she delivered her prisoner.

Annapolis, April 6, 1777.

ALL officers and privates of the first Maryland regiment are ordered to repair to this place immediately, with their arms and accoutrements, blankets, and every thing that may be necessary for their immediate march. This order must be strictly complied with. No excuse will be admitted except illness.

J. H. STONE, colonel

of the first Maryland regiment.

Officers appointed to the first Maryland regiment.

J. H. Stone, col. Patrick Sim, lieutenant col. Thomas Woolford, 1st company; William Stere, capt. Hatch Dent, 1st company; James Fernandez, 2d lieutenant. Samuel M'Pherson, ensign. 3d company; Levin Winder, capt. Henry Gaither, 1st lieutenant. Brown, 2d lieutenant. Thomas M'Keel, ensign. 3d company; Daniel Ewing, capt. William Ridgely, 1st lieutenant. John Gaffney, 2d lieutenant. James Sims, ensign. 4th company; Thomas Wood, capt. Edward Pratt, 1st lieutenant. William Courts, 2d lieutenant. Rignall Hiltner, ensign. 5th company; John H. Beanes, capt. Walker Mule, 1st lieutenant. John Mitchell, 2d lieutenant. William Smith, ensign. 6th company; Alexander Roxburgh, capt. Jordan, 1st lieutenant. William Bruce, 2d lieutenant. Samuel Hanley, ensign. 7th company; Alexander Murray, capt. James H. 1st lieutenant. Richard Waters, 2d lieutenant. William Layman, 3d company; Joseph Ford, capt. Walter B. Cox, 1st lieutenant. Charles Smith, 2d lieutenant.

B. An adjutant and quarter-master wanting for the first Maryland regiment.

To be SOLD, for ready money.

TRACT of land lying in Dorchester county, Maryland, containing 777 acres. The said land lies within about 10 miles of Nanticoke river, is well timbered, and is convenient to church, grist-mills, saw-mills, and public landings, on the river. Any person inclinable to purchase, may see the land and know the terms, by applying to the subscriber, in Woodbridge, Dorchester county.

R. STEVENS.

Annapolis, April 8, 1777.

ALL persons indebted to Christie and Stone, for dealings with the subscriber, at Port-Tobacco, Charles county, desired to settle their accounts, give bond or pay their respective balances to Mr. Henry Barnes, who will attend constantly at Port-Tobacco for that purpose.

J. H. STONE.

Annapolis, April 2, 1777.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of HUGH HENLEY, late of this city, deceased, are desired to exhibit them properly authenticated; and all persons indebted to said estate, will, I expect as soon as convenient, make payment to

CORNELIUS GARRETSON, admr.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of THOMAS NORRIS, deceased, are desired to make immediate payment; and all who have any demands on the said estate are desired to attend in their legally authenticated, that the same may be adjusted by

THOMAS NORRIS, executor.

T O C O V E R,
M A R I U S,
STANDING at Mr. Carroll's plantation beyond Elk-Ridge, at four guineas a mare for the season, and a dollar currency the groom. Send no mares unless the money be sent with them. There is good pasturage and good fences. Mr. Carroll will not be answerable should any mares chance to stray away.

AN away from the subscriber, in the Easter holidays, an apprentice lad named WILLIAM BARBER. Any person who brings him home shall be rewarded with five shillings, and what the law allows. Any person harbouring or entertaining him for the future may depend on being prosecuted to the utmost rigour of the law, by

JOHN CAMPBELL.

O T H E L L O,
Full 15 1/2 hands high, stout and well formed, rising 6 years old, STANDS on Constitution-hill, near Piscataway in Prince-George's county, Maryland, and will cover at five pounds the season. This horse was got by Fearnought, his dam by old Traveller, his grand-dam by Badger, his great grand-dam by Fox, and his great-great-grand-dam by the old Godolphin Arabian. He stood the last season at Belmont in Virginia, the property of Benjamin Dulany, Esq; I have very good pasturage for mares at 1/6 per week, and will have great care taken of them, but will not be answerable in case of loss. The money to be paid before the mares are taken away. He begins covering the 1st of April and continues to the 1st of August.

EDWARD EDELEN, jun.

RAN away from the subscriber, an indentured servant man named JAMES THOMPSON, a joiner and house carpenter by trade; he is about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high, much pitted with the small-pox, fond of strong liquor, when drunk very impudent, and has two years to serve from the 20th day of July next. Whoever takes up the said servant, and delivers him at Strawberry-hill, or secures him in any goal, so that the subscriber gets him again, shall receive three pounds currency reward if taken within twenty miles of Annapolis, and five pounds currency if more than twenty miles from Annapolis.

April 8, 1777. RICHARD SPRIGG.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

RAN away from the subscriber, on the 17th of March last, JOHN CLARK, alias CLOUT, an Englishman, about 35 years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, by profession a drummer; he is an ill looking fellow, with brown hair which is commonly tied behind, has received a fracture in his skull near his left temple by a musket ball; had on an old frize jacket much worn, breeches and under jacket of country cloth, country made shoes with strings, and an otnabrig shirt, which it is likely he has changed, as he took with him nine pounds cash. Whoever takes up the said servant and contrives him to Piscataway shall receive the above reward, and reasonable charges allowed by

April 2, 1777. THOMAS DENT.

EIGHT DOLLARS REWARD.

WENT away in the night of the 5th instant, from Patuxent Iron-works, a convict servant man named STEPHEN KENTT. He was born in the West of England and speaks pretty much in the dialect of that country; is about 45 or 50 years of age, has a meagre countenance, short brown hair which is now pretty much mixed with gray, has hoop shoulders, a kind of amble or pace in his gait, and is much pitted with the small-pox. He is a currier by trade, and can if he will do tolerable good shoemakers work. His apparel is not certainly known, but some of it is believed to be pretty good, the rest such as servants are usually clothed with. Whoever takes up said servant shall, on delivering him at Patuxent Iron-works aforesaid, receive if taken 20 miles from home 30 shillings, if 30 miles 40 shillings, and if 40 miles, or out of the limits of this state, the above reward (including what the law allows) paid by

April 2, 1777. SAM. and JOHN SNOWDEN.

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

WENT away from the subscriber, living near Patuxent Iron-works, a convict servant man named WILLIAM LOWE, a likely young fellow, about 25 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, light hair and gray eyes; had on and took with him, a brown cloth coat and jacket, Russia drab breeches, white ribbed stockings, good shoes, and old felt hat. Whoever takes up the above servant, and secures him in any goal so that the subscriber may get him again, shall receive the above reward, paid by

THOMAS SNOWDEN.

FOUR POUNDS REWARD.

RAN away from the subscriber, on Tuesday the 18th of March, a servant man named JOHN KROWNE, a gardener by trade; he is about 5 feet 7 inches high, dark complexion, has a down look and a cast in one of his eyes; had on an old light coloured cloth jacket, otnabrig shirt, milled stockings, a half worn fashionable castor hat; it is not known what cloaths he took with him. Whoever takes up the said servant and brings him to the subscriber, living in Chester-Town, shall receive the above reward and reasonable charges from

JOHN GALLOWAY.

Patuxent. Schoolfield, March 18, 1777.

WAS sent from Philadelphia to the Head of Elk, in May last, a box containing medicines, directed to me. Those whose hands it hath fallen into will much oblige me by acquainting me of it, and if forwarded the expense shall be readily paid by

THOMAS HAMILTON.

NEAT and well assorted quantity of superfine broad-clothes, with trimmings, to be sold by the subscriber, for ready money only.

RICHARD BURLAND.

N. B. I want to buy or hire immediately a negroman.

March 10, 1777.

T O B E S O L D,

A QUANTITY of INDIAN CORN, on application to Mary Dorsey, widow of Caleb, within three miles of Annapolis.

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a pleasure of paying them number of flat-bottomed ke preserved, so that the nerly.

H I A, April 3.

leman of this city, now in dated 15th March last.

has made American profound. Another act has all Americans taken after immediately to London, imported to the East-Indies on the late success of the in daily expectation of a suitable.

itsburg, dated March 24.

matters have a very gloomy in has returned from the accounts of Indians being all the Kittanning and this post, too tedious to mention. A killed one Andrew Simpson, of capt. Moorhead's, near Simpson, and left a tomahawk, and a piece of writing inagara, 8th February, 1777, chiefs of the Mohawks, Onekas, Tuscaroras, Mississippis Virginians and Pennsylvania the purport of which is, that on their lands on the Ohio bringing us to quit them immediately. Sequences--that we have no (as they call it) of col. But we know he has no army think that our design is against they insist on our quitting and not make any excuse, by Congress, &c. of their be-

beforementioned intelligence of war was held at this was determined that it would Crawford's battalion, and two battalion, at Fort Pitt and till further orders, and that lately sent to the Kittanning, the following places--Logg's and Cox's.

in hath conferred the dignity train, on Robert Eden, Esq.

E S S, January 14.

continental money ought to be expressed in the respective their states for whose benefit stand bound to redeem the value; and the pernicious American liberty to impair by raising the nominal value other species of money what-d against and prevented: of credit, emitted by autho-pas current in all payments, se states, and be deemed in minal sum in Spanish mil ed er shall offer, ask, or receive ny gold or silver coins, bul-of money whatsoever, than nt thereof in Spanish milled 1 bills for any lands, goods, r, than the same could be perion or persons in gold or s of money whatsoever; or or commodities for gold or pecies of money whatsoever, for the said continental bills, be deemed an enemy to the tes, and to forfeit the value or house, land, or commo- And it is recommended pective states to enact laws other penalties, on offen-vent such pernicious prac-

to the legislatures of the make the bills of credit ful tender, in payment of d a refusal thereof an ex-hat debts payable in Aec-th continental dollars at sixpence sterling per dol-all other debts and con-at the rate fixed by the the three of Spanish milled dollars.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the legislatures of the several United States, to pass resolutions that they will make provision for drawing in and sinking their quotas of the bills emitted by congress, at the several periods fixed, or that shall be fixed by congress.

That it be recommended to the legislatures of the several states, to raise by taxation, in the course of the current year, and remit to the treasury, such sums of money as they shall think will be most proper in the present situation of the inhabitants; which sums shall be carried to their credit, and accounted for in the settlement of their proportion of the public expenses and debts, for which the United States are jointly bound.

a large quantity of iron, nails, and other stores, which, from the precipitancy of their flight, they had not time to send off to their ships. The next morning we took possession of the town, and the following day the ships fell down below Croton river. These marauders (according to their usual practice) plundered and abused some houses, and burnt several others, carried off a few cattle and sheep, and some light articles from the public stores. Our principal loss is in rum, molasses and flour, which we destroyed, and a quantity of sugar burnt by the enemy, in the commissary's store. The militia, on the first alarm, turned out with the greatest alacrity, and marched to our assistance, and if these British heroes had had a day

Extract of a letter from Providence, March 21.

"The continental army in this state fills fast. A deserter came off from Newport this week; he proves to be a Hessian sergeant, and says, that all their men would desert if they could get away. He says, all the ladies of pleasure at Newport are taken up and confined in the common goal, the officers, both Hessian and British, frequently meeting at the houses of these ladies, quarrelled about the beauty of their doxies; which coming to Gen. Prescott's ears, he ordered them all into goal. Count Kaupfatch, a Hessian major, and a Hessian captain, late-

out all their troops from Amboy, &c. supposed to be
ou 3000, and posted themselves on Punk-hill: They
brought artillery and a number of waggons, as if to
forage, though there was none left in that neighbour-
hood worth notice. General Maxwell, with the troops
under his command, was on a rising ground to the
northward, in plain view, though at a good distance.
The enemy were too well situated to be attacked: He
sent a party to the left to amuse them

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The memory of the brave patriots who have
fallen in the cause of America.
12. General Lee and our other friends in captivity.
13. Wisdom and unanimity in the councils of Ame-
rica, and undaunted courage in her forces to execute
her measures.
The whole concluded with an elegant ball in the
evening.

FIVE POUNDS REWARD.

RAN away from the subscriber, living near the Woodyard,
Prince George's county, on Sunday the 30th of March,
an indentured servant man named **ANTHONY PARMER**, born
in England: had on when he went away, a country hempen li-
nen shirt almost new, a Bath coating jacket, old London brown
superfine cloth coat lately turned, lightish coloured corded du-
roy breeches much worn with silk knee garters, white yarn
stockings, old shoes, silver plated shoe and knee buckles, and
good hat cut in the fantail fashion; he has a remarkable scar on
the top of his head, said he got it by a blow on board a pri-
vateer; he is a likely fellow, black eyes, short brown hair in-
clined to curl; said he will enlist in the service of the American
States, get the bounty, and then desert. He went off with one
Crumton, a servant of Mr. Naylor, who intended to enlist like-
wise. Any captain in the service of the United States having
inlisted him, shall be welcome to keep the fellow, on acquaint-
ing me of him, and paying me for the time he has to serve,
which is ten months. He is remarkably fond of drink, and will
desert if ever he should get an opportunity. Whoever appre-
hends him so as I may get him again shall be entitled to the a-
bove reward. **JOHN BROWN, jun.**

STRAYED from the subscriber, living near Piscataway in
Prince-George's county, some time in July or August last,
two yearling cows supposed to be with calf; the one a dark red,
marked on the right ear with a nick above and below, on the
left a swallow fork; the other a yellow red, with a white face,
belly, and legs, marked in the right ear with a crop, under bit,
and two flits, and in the left ear a crop, under bit, over bit,
and flit. Also a small light brindled steer, four years old, mark-
ed on each ear with a swallow fork and over bit. Whoever will
bring the aforesaid strays home shall receive fifteen shillings for
either or each of them. **FR. CLEM. DYER.**

STRAYED or **STOLEN**, from col. Chew's, in Anne-Arun-
del county, a dark mare, about 13 and a half hands high,
paces, trots, and gallops well; she has no brand, the hind part
of one of her hind heels is white just above the hoof; she is
rubbed on the sides by drawing; the left a sucking colt, and it
is very probable she may make to Patuxent river, in order to
cross. Whoever takes up and secures the said mare, so as the
owner may get her again, shall receive a reward of six dollars,
paid by the subscriber, living near Leonard-Town, St. Mary's
county. She left the above plantation on the 13th instant.
March 31. **BENNETT HOPEWELL.**

THERE is at the plantation of Henry Lyon, jun. in Charles
county, near Benedict-Town, taken up as a stray, a gray
horse, about 13 hands high, a natural pacer, branded on the
near buttock B. The owner may have him again on proving
property and paying charges.

THERE is at the plantation of Samuel Pool, in Anne-Arun-
del county, taken up as a stray, a bright bay mare, with
a black mane and tail, about 13 hands high, 4 years old, a nat-
ural trotter, no perceivable brand. The owner may have her
again on proving property and paying charges. **W3**

To be **SOLD** at public vendue, on Saturday the 10th or May
next, at the house of Mr. David Rusk in Baltimore-Town, to
the highest bidder, for ready money only.

ELIZABETH'S DILIGENCE, patented for 47 acres more
or less, situated within one mile of said town. Also,
DEEP POINT, patented for one acre more or less, adjoining
the water on the north of Howard's wharf in the said town.
March 28, 1777. **JOE GARRETSON,
MARK ALEXANDER.**

SOLD ROBIN,
The property of Samuel Harrison and Stephen Steward, jun.
STANDS at Samuel Harrison's plantation, in the Swamp,
Anne-Arundel county, where he will cover at thirty-five
shillings the season. He is a beautiful black, 7 years old, full
16 hands high, and is allowed by the best judges to be the com-
pletest country horse in this state. Mares will be received at
the above plantation by William Atwill, or by the subscriber,
STEPHEN STEWARD, jun.

THE high bred horse **CARELESS** will cover this season at
Strawberry-hill, at three pounds a mare and five shillings
the groom, if the mare is pastured; six dollars and five shillings
the groom, if not pastured; or twenty shillings the single leap.

CARELESS is a fine bay, rising six years old, full fourteen
hands three inches high, was got by col. Baylor's Fearnought,
his dam by Dove, his grand-dam (the dam of King Herod) by
Othello, his great-grand-dam by Old Spark, out of Queen Mab,
a high bred imported mare, who was the dam of Old Mille,
and col. Hopper's Pacolet.

N. B. The mares will be received by Thomas Williamson,
who will take proper care of them, but not be answerable for
any that may get away. **W3**

INTEND to leave Maryland in a short time.
WILLIAM EDDIS.

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either by sea or any o-
ther way that may be more suitable to them, which
will be of infinite service at this time to their very
humble servant,
THOMAS NORMAN.

SIXTEEN DOLLARS REWARD.

Annapolis, March 17, 1777.
DESERTED from col. Thomas Price's regiment
of Maryland forces, **MICHAEL KELLY**, an
Irishman, about 25 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches
high, fair complexion, pitted with the small-pox, has
short black hair, and is a thick well set fellow. He
broke gaol at Alexandria, where he had

Port-Tobacco, January 25, 1777.
RAN away, the evening of the 1st instant, from Mr. Har-
rison's plantation, on Nanjemoy, a young NEGRO
man, named Bob, about 5 feet 6 inches high, well set,
has thick lips: had on a lapell'd short coat of mixed cloth
frize, with a jacket of the same, and a pair of green breeches
all good; his other cloathing not remembered. He formerly
lived with Mr. Ferguson, in George-town, on Patowmack, and
ly with Mr. Wheeler, at Elk-Ridge, and may be about one
other of those places. Whoever delivers him to Mr. Benjamin
Edelia, at the abovementioned plantation, or to me at this place,
shall receive four dollars reward, if taken in Charles county;
seven dollars, if taken about George-town, twelve dollars if taken
about Elk-Ridge, and in proportion to the distance, if taken
any where else. **ROB. MUNDELL.**

SIXTY DOLLARS REWARD.

Annapolis, Feb. 6, 1777.
DESERTED, the beginning of November last, from com-
William Brown's company of matrosses, the following
soldiers, viz. **JOHN HAMILTON**, about 25 years of age, 5
feet 6 inches high, fair complexion, dark hair, well set, and a
face. He formerly kept a school on Mr. Carroll's manor, in
Monocacy. **NATHAN HARRIS**, about 25 years of age, 5 feet
inches high, dark complexion, black hair, well set, and
near Hungerford, in Montgomery county. **WILLIAM EVANS**
about 40 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches high, wrinkled face,
dark brown hair, and goes by the name of the Indian Deane.
lives in Calvert county, at the head of Parker's-creek. **JAM.**
TUBSHAW, about 30 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, fair
complexion, sandy hair, full faced, and very likely; he lives on
Rock-creek, near Newport, in Montgomery county. **MORRIS**
LITTLE, about 27 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches high, fair com-
plexion; lives on the sugar lands in Montgomery county. **DA-**
VID HARRIS, about 18 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high,
fair complexion, light hair; lives near the Great Falls of Pa-
towmack. Whoever takes up said deserters, and brings them to
the subscriber, shall receive the above reward, or twenty dollars
for Hamilton, and eight dollars for each of the others, paid by
the subscriber. **WILLIAM BROWN.**

THE COMMITTEE of AGGRAVANCES, and COURT
of JUSTICE, will sit to do business in the committee
room, on Mondays and Tuesdays in every week, from the hour
of nine in the morning till one in the afternoon, during the
present session of the general assembly.
Signed by order of the committee,
JOHN JOHNSON, clerk.

SIXTEEN DOLLARS REWARD.

Annapolis, March 17, 1777.
DESERTED from col. Thomas Price's regiment of Mary-
land forces, **MICHAEL KELLY**, an Irishman, about
years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, fair complexion, pitted
with the small-pox, has short black hair, and is a thick well
set fellow. He broke gaol at Alexandria, where he had been
committed for desertion about a month ago, and, as I have been
informed, has enlisted in the 5th Virginia regiment, and is now
at or near Winchester. Whoever apprehends said deserter, and
brings him to the subscriber shall receive the above reward, be-
sides one shilling for every mile he shall be brought, from
the subscriber's plantation. **EDWARD DUVAL.**

THE subscriber finding it utterly impossible at this time
to carry on his business either with satisfaction to his em-
ployers, or benefit to himself, has declined carrying it any
longer. Those gentlemen who have his promise for wages, may
expect them as soon as he possibly can get them done; and as
there are several gentlemen in the out counties who have wait-
ed for a considerable length of time to send the money for wages
sent them, he begs the favour of them to take the first con-
venient opportunity of sending it.

I shall have to dispose of sundry articles, and tools for the
wig making and dressing business, viz. A considerable quantity
of prepared human hair of most colours, raw ditto; long hair,
several dozen of silk cauls, raw silk, wig buckles, wig wire, hair
powder, pomatum, &c. &c. a double assortment of wig blocks,
mixing cards and brushes, drawing brushes, razors, &c. &c. I
have likewise for sale sundry ready made wigs, false tails, &c.
which I will warrant to be good. **THOMAS HEWITT.**

THERE is at the subscriber's plantation, in Prince-George's
county, near Mr. Harrison's chapel, taken up as a stray,
a small roan mare colt; her face and legs partly white; she is
neither docked nor branded; paces naturally. The owner
desires to fetch her away, on proving property and paying
charges. **BENJ. DUVAL, the subscriber.**

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On Friday last, between the
o'clock, "his excellency THE
Eq; governor of the state of Ma-
at the stad-house, in the presen-
people, who expressed the hig
occasion.

The procession began at the
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Silence being commanded, t
claimed the governor.

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And repaired to the coffee-
ment was provided, the fir
strangers then in town bein

After dinner the followi

1. Perpetual union and
of America.
2. The freedom and in-
States.
3. Prosperity to Maryla
4. The Congress.
5. General Washington
6. The American navy.
7. The arts and sciences.
8. Agriculture.
9. Trade and navigation.
10. The friends of liberty throughout the world.

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